REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on 23 August 2007, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-26. Examiner rejected claims 20-26 on the grounds of non-statutory double patenting over claims 1-20 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,480,489.

Claim Amendments

Applicant has amended claims 4 and 6 to correct the dependency of these claims. No new matter has been added.

Non-Statutory Double Patenting Rejection

Examiner rejected claims 20-26 on the grounds of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1-20 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,480,489. Applicant has included a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) to overcome the double patenting rejection.

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 13, 14, and 20 are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2, 4, 6-12, which depends upon claim 1, and claims 15-19, which depend upon claim 14, and claims 21-26, which depend upon claim 20, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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